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☐ ☐ Reports on the German
Government Attitude Towards the Slovaks

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CERNAK, Mattie

Forwarded as an attachment is ☐ ☐ report No. 16-2-34
which is an indication of a possible change in German policy toward
Czech and Slovak separatists whom the Germans have been supporting.
This report links the anticipated change in German policy to the change
in U.S. policy of removing the anti-German elements from the Council of
the Free EU. The Germans may reciprocate by officially dropping their
stress on separation. However, it is felt that their charges, i.e. the
separatists, will be kept on top by the Government in case of future
need. The evaluation was made by sources and should be disregarded.

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EGMA 10123

18 February 1934

Subject: Prospects for the Slovakian Cause in GERMANY

Date Received: 29 January 1934

Source: []

Sub-Source: Katus CERNAK, head of the Slovakian National Council in the foreign section for GERMANY

Evaluation: B-2

1. Sub-Source reports that he is very alarmed over the fact that Prof. Ferdinand DURCANSKY, his political opponent, lately started a discriminating campaign against him. DURCANSKY supposedly elaborated a libelous memorandum against Sub-Source which he submitted to German and Western authorities. Sub-Source is attempting at present to find out whether DURCANSKY's notions stem from his own or someone else's initiative. He considers it most essential to find out whether DURCANSKY receives money from the Germans, above all, from expellee circles.
2. Sub-Source considers revolutions in this matter especially essential because he is apprehensive of the recent development within the Council of the Free CCR in the USA which may weaken the Slovaks' political positions in GERMANY. He would like to know whether DURCANSKY's slanders, should he be financially supported by German expellee circles, must be regarded as the beginning of a systematic attack on the Slovakian position.
3. Sub-Source confirmed that the Americans' efforts to remove "German-baiters" from the Council of the Free CCR and to replace them by politicians acceptable to the Germans, such as Dr. Josef KUHN and Dr. Stefan GUTSKI, are viewed with benevolence by the Germans. Sub-Source sees certain indications that the Germans may drop the Czech and Slovak separatists as their partners in response to the new American policy.
4. Above indications are prevalent in the case of General Lev TCHALA, who was dropped after rumormongering between leading circles of the Sudeten German Landsmannschaft and Czech agrarian Dr. Josef CERNY. Likewise, V. J. PRILEBY has lost sympathy and support in expellee circles (PRILEBY is said to be in GERMANY at present to discuss the new situation in talks with other Czech politicians).

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Since the Slovak Dr. Stefan OSUCHY plays a leading rôle in the new leadership of the Council of the Free CSA, Sub-source fears that OSUCHY may become the Slovak partner of the German expellees. In addition, OSUCHY is expected to visit GERMANY in the spring of 1954.

6. Sub-source is prepared for such a change in the expulsion policy, but assures that he will not present the Germans with the alternative of either disregarding the Council of the Free CSA or dropping him. He hopes that "the famous German loyalty toward traditional friends of GERMANY" will assert itself and that he will not be dropped like General PRCHALA. Still, he does not anticipate the same fate as PRCHALA since contrary to the latter he is not a "General without an army", but is backed by a strong organization.
7. Regarding the possibility of Sub-source's joining the opposition group of the "democrats" in the split within the ARN, Sub-source denied the possibility of such a move.

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